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Lodge Says Dodd Has Done Another Flip-Flop

HADDAM, Oct. 15. — Former governor John Lodge charged last night that "Senator Thomas Dodd has done another flip-flop. He has reversed his position from chief critic of the Central Intelligence Agency to its chief apologist."

Lodge, Republican nominee for United States Senator, spoke to a group of about 100 residents of the town of Haddam at a meeting held in the Higganum Elementary School.

"In 1960, Tom Dodd and Senator James Eastland issued a statement, on behalf of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee," Lodge said, "charging that Cuba was handed to Castro and the Communists by a combination of Americans in the same way that China was handed to the communists."

"Dodd and Eastland repeated the charges of ambassador Earl E. T. Smith that the agencies of the United States government which 'had a hand in bringing pressure to overthrow the Batista government' included 'certain influential people, influential sources in the State Department, lower down echelons in the CIA.'"

"Tom Dodd apparently thought that his own charges against the CIA were so serious that in May, 1963, he co-sponsored a bill to establish a congressional watchdog committee to over-see the CIA," Lodge continued.

"And then, it seems, someone in the CIA or in the Johnson administration reached Tom Dodd and flipped him over again," charged Lodge. "Just ten months later, he delivered a speech firmly defending the CIA—defending it, indeed, so fervently that it sounded as if the CIA wrote the speech."

Lodge concluded by saying that "it is time that we fill our Senate and our Senate committee with men who can think for themselves and, if necessary, investigate for themselves, men who are more than mouth-pieces for any government agency or any administration. By the way, will the real Tom Dodd please stand up."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Haddam Republican Womens Club. Edward D. Stites, 1964 Haddam Republican campaign chairman presided.